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XXXIst CONGRESS—Second Session

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 17. The CHAIR laid before the Senate the report of the Board of Officers called to consider the propriety of establishing the rank of Lieutenant General, and what measures are necessary to qualify military officers for exercising civil duties. Referred to Military Committee and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FORT said: "I hold in my hand certain resolutions of censure upon myself which have been passed by the Legislature of Mississippi, and which have been sent to me to be presented to the Senate. I do so, desiring to say in word, The Legislature of Mississippi is a body composed of big-minded and honorable gentlemen, but they have wholly mistaken the public sentiment of the State, and I think that by next Autumn they and all the world will have evidence of the fact."

The CHAIR asked what motion was made. Mr. FORT said they were sent to him to be presented and he had complied with the request. The Senate might do what it thought proper with the resolutions—his colleague might make any motion it pleased.

Mr. JEFF. DAVIS moved that the resolutions be read and printed. The Secretary commenced reading from the papers sent up, when JEFFERSON DAVIS said that the papers the Secretary was reading were resolutions of last year. The last on the paper was the one to be read.

Mr. FORT was sorry the mistake had been made—he had no objection to the papers. They were received in an interesting epistle from Gen. Quint, Governor of Mississippi. He read that letter and nothing more.

The resolutions were sustaining the course of DAVIS and the Representatives of the State in the House, and disapproving of the course of FORT on the Territorial questions last session. Printing ordered.

On motion of Mr. SEWARD ten thousand extra copies of the Report of Secretary of Treasury were ordered.

JOHN DAVIS and FORT, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the bill to establish a Western Army, also the bill to refund to South Carolina the moneys advanced and losses sustained by her during the Florida war.

Mr. GWIN's resolution to print the President's message in Spanish was then taken up, and Mr. WALKER moved to amend so as to print it also in German and Norwegian.

Mr. BADGER moved and the resolution and amendments were laid on the table.

A message from the House announcing the death of Mr. HARMONSON was received.

Mr. DAVIS delivered a Eulogy on the deceased, and Mr. JEFF. DAVIS also spoke of his many virtues. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. MORSE announced the death of John H. Harmonson, Representative from Louisiana, who died in New Orleans last October. He passed a eulogium upon his memory, and concluded by offering the customary resolutions of respect.

Mr. HAYES also spoke a few words in praise of the deceased, and the House then passed a resolution in which Mr. Bayly now represented.

The resolutions were passed and the House adjourned.

Richmond Piracy Case.

Richmond, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

In the case of Reed for Piracy, the Jury have rendered a verdict of guilty.

Ohio State Convention.

CINCINNATI, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Convention has been engaged in the discussion of the proposition to tax Ohio and United States Bonds. The Legislature passed a law exempting \$3,000,000 of the former from taxation forever, but the transfers in New York have been, purposely confused, it is impossible to distinguish one class from another. It is, therefore, proposed to tax the whole \$18,000,000, and the proposition will doubtless be carried. The proposition to tax United States Bonds will not pass.

The Georgian Convention.

MACON, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Convention finally adjourned on Saturday night, after adopting the preamble of the Committee of Thirty-two, and the resolutions slightly amended. The vote was Yeas 237, Nays 10, not voting 3. The tone of the Convention has been firm, but conciliatory.

Maryland Reform Convention.

CROFTON, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

A letter was received by the President of the Convention from President Fillmore, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the resolutions in favor of the Compromise bills. He expresses the high gratification he derived from their perusal, and trusts that his future conduct will justify the confidence expressed that he will faithfully perform his duty in the present crisis. And he is gratified at the assurance of cooperation from the people of Maryland in any emergency which may require it in support of the laws and Constitution of the country. A similar letter was also received from Hon. Daniel Webster, expressing his gratification at the spirit of the resolutions, as calculated to discountenance agitation and promoting conciliation and harmony, and thereby perpetuating the Union.

Great Loss by the Fire in Yazoo City—Forged Notes in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The recent fire in Yazoo City destroyed property amounting to \$175,000, about half of which was insured. Philip O. Goodwin & Co. of New York, enclosed to a lawyer in St. Louis, some unnumbered notes of hand amounting to large sums, with instructions to negotiate and remit—they were, however, discovered to be forged, and although some had been negotiated, no remittances had been made before the discovery took place.

Political Affairs in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Governor and Council have counted the votes for State Senators—22 Opposition and 11 Whigs are elected, and there are 7 vacancies.

Interesting from Hayti.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Further accounts from Hayti to the 1st inst. have been received here. The panic on account of the ravages of Cholera at Jamaica had subsided, not a death having occurred from it at Port-au-Prince. The Emperor is to be crowned on Christmas day—the Crown and other insignia of Royalty having arrived from France. The Emperor's Embassy has been fixed upon as the time for marching against the Dominicans. The Emperor had gone with his new fleet to a port about twenty miles distant on a pleasure excursion. Three men had been shot at Port-au-Prince for treason. The new crop of Coffee came in slowly on account of the heavy rains.

Western Navigation, &c.

LOUISVILLE, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The water in the canal is stationary at 94 feet. Weather cold. The steamer Bay State, in coming out of the canal, ran on some rocks and sustained some damage, extent not known. The steamer The Pike No. 9, from St. Louis to-day, reports navigation still open, but the river full of ice. The Amazonian, with cargo, for New Orleans, has been seriously injured in the ice.

Navigation of the Mississippi.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Mississippi, between St. Louis and Cairo, is full of floating ice, and several boats are ice-bound. Navigation is suspended.

Western Navigation.

DETROIT, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Ohio left for Buffalo last night. The river is full of ice and the weather is very cold.

The Southern Mail—Gen. Chaplin, &c.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

We have no mail to-night South of Washington. General Chaplin has failed to obtain bail at Hartford District, where his trial was removed from Rockville.

Counterfeit Bills.

LOUISVILLE, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Counterfeit Tens of the State Bank of Ohio are circulating here. Arrival of the Florida at Savannah. The steamship Florida has arrived here from New York in 48 hours, from what is what.

COMMERCIAL AND MONEY MATTERS.

Rules at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 17.

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THE BUOYANCY OF THE STOCK MARKET.

The buoyancy of the Stock market has been entirely recovered, and the Fancies are in large demand at improving prices. Erie went to 87, a dividend off, which is an advance of 3 1/2 per cent since yesterday. The supply of Cash Stock on the market is very small, and it is being constantly absorbed. The "shorts," consequently, when forced to come into market to supply their contracts, are obliged to advance their bids rapidly in order to bring out Stock. Thus it will be seen that an advance from 84 (the price at yesterday's Second Board) to 87, only brought out about 600 shares of Stock. The prices at yesterday's Second Board, and since, it should be observed, are "dividend off." Some of our contemporaries have fallen into the error of quoting this falling-off as a decline. The market now stands higher than it did yesterday, dividend on. There was considerable demand for Albany and Schenectady, and sales were made after the Board at 94. Ports mouth Dry Dock was firmer, and sold at 8 1/2, buyer third. There was a better feeling in Norwich and Worcester, and it recovered all that it had lost, selling at 6 1/2. Morris advanced 1/2 per cent. Incomes were in fair demand at 95. Long Island continues very inactive and heavy. Bank and Insurance Stocks were in good demand and at advancing rates. Reading was also better 1/2 per cent and in large demand, the sales being 4,800 shares. Farmers' was better, showing 1/2 per cent improvement. Governments were in moderate demand.

In Exchanges there had been a fair business for the steamers and the supply of bills is moderate. Rates have been very firm, but at the close there was rather more disposition to sell. Sterling is 104 1/2, the 1 1/2—some slight signatures, France, 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 5 1/2—some slight signatures, Hamburg, 36 1/2, Bremen, 30 1/2, Amsterdam, 44 1/2.

The market is firm for Freight in consequence of but few Liverpool vessels being in the berth. Engagements of 10,000 to 20,000 bbls Flour at 18 1/2, 1,000 bbls Oil Meal, is 94 1/2, 500 bales Cotton, 33 1/2 and 3 1/2 ad. For Grain 5 1/2 is asked. To London, 2,000 bbls Flour at 30s. A foreign vessel was engaged to load at the South for Hamburg at 12. To California, there is a fair business doing at 10 1/2 to 11.

The Receipts at the Sub-Treasury are \$50,833: Payments, \$100,897; Balance, \$3,360,341. The large payments of the last few days are to disburse officers. In two weeks over a million will be paid out of our Sub-Treasury for interest on the Public Debt.

The abundance of Money on call continues, and loans are easily made at 5 1/2 per cent on good Stocks and lower on Governments. The supply of paper is not large and the demand is good—First-class names go at 3 1/2 per cent for short dates, and 4 1/2 per cent for long dates. The rates have rather a downward tendency. The receipts of the Banks are very large, and they are discounting freely.

The Dry Goods trade presents a general dullness, as is to be expected in this month, yet with some activity in several departments. The woolen branch is better than the cotton. The California demand for clothing continues active and keeps the clothiers very busy, and has compelled them to considerable purchases of linen and woolen goods. The clothing trade is also active in supplying the Southern demand for Spring clothing. These circumstances have given an increased activity to the Woolen trade, both for foreign and domestic goods. Cotton fabrics are the reverse of this, dull, yet hopeful. The general tone of prices is firmness. There is very little heaviness, as the existing stocks, where large, have been well laid in as respects cost. Bleached and unbleached Shirtings and Sheetings are very quiet, but holders are steady in adhering to full prices. There is no disposition to press sales at any concession. Trade is anticipated to open well. Drills are not brisk, but a fair business is transacting for the season at steady prices. The scarcity of Onaburg maintains prices, but also prevents transactions in domestic. Dundee coarse goods being used actively as a substitute. Denims are in active request at full prices. Stripes are dull, but steady. Ticks are in moderate request without change in prices. The stock of Cotton Flannels is very insignificant, and with a fair inquiry prices are maintained. Prints are very much reduced in stock, with a very active demand for the season, and at very firm prices. New styles for the Spring trade engage the active attention of manufacturers. There is a limited demand for printing cloths and prices are firm. The stock is increasing in anticipation of a quick sale at the opening of the New York spring trade. Gingham is in request for future delivery, many dealers being desirous to secure early selections for the spring trade. The manufacturers are very busy. Chambrays are in moderate request for the clothing trade. Cotton Pantaloonery is quiet with buoyant prices and small stocks. Linseys continue heavy, and inactive. Muslin de Laines are making largely to order. The demand for goods in anticipation of the spring is considerable, but there is little moving from warehouses at the moment. The limited production of Domestic and Muslin de Laines in relation to the increasing demand, is attracting early orders. These descriptions of goods command an extensive, over consumption. Cloth is firm and advancing. The manufacturers are busy replenishing their stocks, showing that they have obtained remunerating prices. The rise in wool prevents any loss on stock, and prices are more encouraging than they have been recently. Stocks of Domestic Cloths are light. Serges are in better demand, at firmer prices, with diminishing stocks. Sheep's Greys are steady, with a fair inquiry. Fancy Cassimeres are dull, but plain goods command fair sales for the season. Jeans show increasing inquiry. Tweeds of prime grade are in request. Cashmeres are in good demand. Best and Bayonet Flannels are in moderate demand. Flannels with a small stock, are in request. Flannels with a small stock, are in request.

Woolen and Cotton Goods.

Woolen Goods.—The market is quiet, at full prices. The season has been a very favorable one. Foreign Woollens have been more active, clothiers having bought largely. The price of Wool in England has risen, and is fast rising. It appears from statistics, carefully prepared to the 13th of October, that the markets of Great Britain for the year then ending, though in excess of the previous year, owing to the increase of export, presented a less amount for consumption by three and a half million pounds, while the exports of Woolen fabrics had largely increased. This shows greatly reduced stocks, and as the demand is more active than ever, prices are likely to advance. We may therefore look to the Woollens imports from Great Britain not coming in at advanced prices during the winter. French goods, except, except Drap d'Ete, which command a demand in the Southern clothing. The stock of Silks is fair and varied, with steady prices. Early in the new year we expect an active demand to spring up, for which the trade is preparing, by completing their assortments. German Woollens are in good demand, being suitable for the clothing demand to supply the Southern and California markets. Since the difficulties of the Continent of Europe increased into actual war, we may expect a powerful reaction in the market for Cotton, and consequently for Cotton fabrics. A great fall in Cotton would then be inevitable, and our home manufacturers would be able to supply themselves extensively at moderate prices, which would increase the demand for our goods by a decline in prices. The trade, however, most requires steadiness.

The annexed statement shows the Exports from this port for the week ending Dec. 16:

Wholesale—No. 14,300 Resins	1,000
Seal Skins—No. 6,230 Resins	123
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